



Melania Trump says she supports abortion rights, putting her at odds with the GOP

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CHICAGO (AP) — Melania Trump revealed her support for abortion rights Thursday ahead of the release of her upcoming memoir, exposing a stark contrast with her husband, Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, on the crucial election issue. In a video posted to her X account Thursday morning, the former first lady defended women's "individual freedoms" to do what they want with their body — a position at odds with much of the Republican Party and her own husband, who has struggled to find a consistent message on abortion while wedged between anti-abortion supporters within his base and the majority of Americans who support abortion rights.



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"Individual freedom is a fundamental principle that I safeguard," she said in the video. "Without a doubt, there is no room for compromise when it comes to this essential right that all women possess from birth: individual freedom. What does 'my body, my choice' really mean?"

The video appears to confirm excerpts of her self-titled memoir reported by The Guardian on Wednesday. Melania Trump has rarely publicly expressed her personal political views and has been largely absent from the campaign trail. But in her memoir, set to be released publicly next Tuesday, she argues that the decision to end a pregnancy should be left to a woman and her doctor, "free from any intervention of pressure from the government," according to the published excerpts.

"Why should anyone other than the woman herself have the power to determine what she does with her own body?" she wrote, according to The Guardian. "A woman's fundamental right of individual liberty, to her own life, grants her the authority to terminate her pregnancy if she wishes." Melania Trump writes that she has "carried this belief with me throughout my entire adult life."

These views contrast sharply with the GOP's anti-abortion platform and with Donald Trump, who has repeatedly taken credit for appointing the three Supreme Court justices who helped overturn Roe v. Wade and boasted about returning the abortion question to the states. Democrats have blamed the former president for the



Melania Trump, wife of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump walks to the stage as Donald Trump introduces her during the opening day of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, July 18, 2016.

Associated Press

severe deterioration of reproductive rights as abortion bans were implemented in large swaths of the country following the overturning of the landmark case, which had granted a constitutional right to abortion.

The national abortion group SBA Pro-Life America denounced the former first lady's views on abortion, including her comments on abortion later in pregnancy, but said their "priority is to defeat Kamala Harris."

"Women with unplanned pregnancies are crying out for more resources, not more abortions," the organization's president Marjorie Dannenfelser said in a statement to the AP. "We must have compassion for them and for babies in the womb who suffer from brutal abortions." Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign noted Trump's role in ending Roe v. Wade in a statement reacting to Melania Trump's defense of

abortion rights.

"Sadly for the women across America, Mrs. Trump's husband firmly disagrees with her and is the reason that more than one in three American women live under a Trump Abortion Ban that threatens their health, their freedom, and their lives," Harris campaign spokesperson Sarafina Chitika said in a statement. "Donald Trump has made it abundantly clear: If he wins in November, he will ban abortion nationwide, punish women, and restrict women's access to reproductive health care." Donald Trump on Tuesday said he would veto a federal abortion ban, the first time he has explicitly said so after previously refusing to answer questions on the subject. Abortion rights advocates are skeptical, however, saying Trump cannot be trusted not to restrict reproductive rights.

Trump's campaign did not re-

spond to a request for comment Thursday about Melania Trump's book or video. Alexis McGill Johnson, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Action Fund, said the memoir is another example of "the Trumps playing voters like a fiddle." "As president, (Trump) made it his mission to get Roe v. Wade overturned," she said in a statement. "Melania stood by him, never once publicly disavowing his actions until weeks before an election where our bodies are again on the ballot and they are losing voters to this issue. Read between the lines." Democratic strategist Brittany Crampsie called the memoir's release a "clear attempt to appeal to more moderate voters and to moderate JD Vance's very clearly extreme views on the issue." But she is skeptical that the move would work in favor of Trump, saying his shifting views "have already

confused voters and sowed distrust."

Melania Trump also defends abortions later in pregnancy, asserting that "most abortions conducted during the later stages of pregnancy were the result of severe fetal abnormalities that probably would have led to the death or stillbirth of the child. Perhaps even the death of the mother."

"These cases were extremely rare and typically occurred after several consultations between the woman and her doctor," she writes.

These views appear diametrically opposed to her husband, who has often parroted misinformation about abortions later in pregnancy, falsely claiming that Democrats support abortion "after birth," though infanticide is outlawed in every state.

Mary Ruth Ziegler, a law professor at the University of California, Davis School of Law who focuses on reproductive rights law and history, said it is unclear if the memoir's release so close to the election was an attempt to help Donald Trump. But she did note that Melania Trump's split from Trump on the issue is not uncommon historically. There is "a pretty deep history of first ladies being more supportive of abortion rights than their husbands," including Betty Ford, a vocal abortion rights supporter and the wife of former President Gerald Ford, Ziegler said.

Donald Trump promoted his wife's book at a September rally in New York, calling on supporters to "go out and get her book." It is unclear if the former president has read the book.

"Go out and buy it," he told the crowd. "It's great. And if she says bad things about me, I'll call you all up, and I'll say, 'Don't buy it.'"

Biden's student loan cancellation free to move forward as court order expires

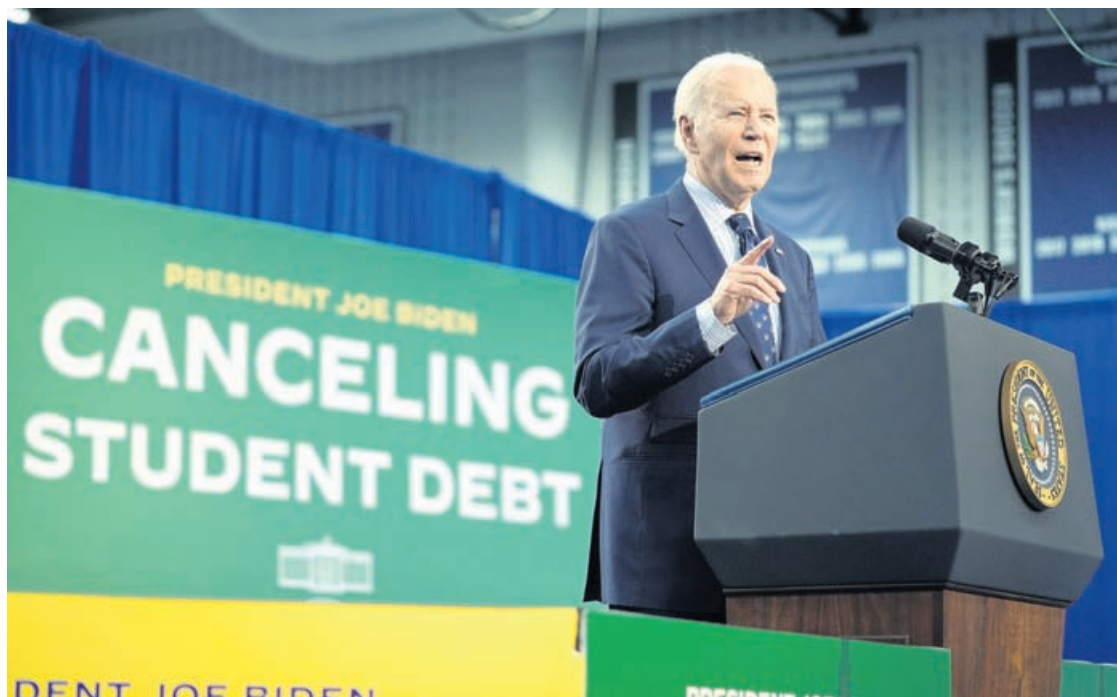
By COLLIN BINKLEY
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden's latest attempt at student loan cancellation is free to move ahead — at least temporarily — after a judge in Georgia decided that a legal challenge should be handled by a court in Missouri.

Biden's plan has been on hold since September after seven Republican-led states challenged it in federal court in Georgia. But on Wednesday, a federal judge decided not to extend the pause and instead dismissed Georgia from the lawsuit, finding that it lacked the legal right, or standing, to sue.

U.S. District Court Judge J. Randal Hall opted to send the suit to Missouri, one of the remaining states in the case. On Thursday, those states filed a request asking the Missouri court to block the plan.

Without a new obstacle, the Biden administration could push the proposal toward the finish line as soon as Friday. The Education Department would be



President Joe Biden speaks about student loan debt, April 8, 2024, in Madison, Wis.

Associated Press

free to finalize a rule paving the way for cancellation, though it would likely take days or weeks to carry out. Biden's plan would cancel at least some student loan debt for an estimated 30 million borrowers.

It would erase up to \$20,000 in interest for those who have seen their original balances increase because of runaway interest. It would also provide relief to those

who have been repaying their loans for 20 or 25 years, and those who went to college programs that leave graduates with high debt compared to their incomes.

Biden told the Education Department to pursue cancellation through a federal rulemaking process after the Supreme Court rejected an earlier plan using a different legal justification.

That plan would have eliminated up to \$20,000 for 43 million Americans. The Supreme Court rejected Biden's first proposal in a case brought by Republican states including Missouri, which now takes the lead in the latest lawsuit. In his order Wednesday, Hall said Georgia failed to prove it was significantly harmed by Biden's new plan. He rejected an argu-

ment that the policy would hurt the state's income tax revenue, but he found that Missouri has "clear standing" to sue.

Missouri is suing on behalf of MOHELA, a student loan servicer that was created by the state and is hired by the federal government to help collect student loans. In the suit, Missouri argues that cancellation would hurt MOHELA's revenue because it's paid based on the number of borrowers it serves.

In their lawsuit, the Republican states argue that the Education Department had quietly been telling loan servicers to prepare for loan cancellation as early as Sept. 9, bypassing a typical 60-day waiting period for new federal rules to take effect.

The courts are now asking the Missouri court to act quickly saying the Education Department could "unlawfully mass cancel up to hundreds of billions of dollars in student loans as soon as Monday."

Also joining the suit are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, North Dakota and Ohio. □

Remember the shortage of medical gowns during COVID? Feds spending \$350 million for stockpile

By AMANDA SEITZ
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six U.S. companies will spend at least \$350 million to manufacture medical gowns to store in the Strategic National Stockpile, years after doctors and nurses working in hospitals found themselves without the equipment while COVID-19 raged.

The purchase of the gowns is one of the final steps toward shoring up the personal protective equipment in the stockpile after it was depleted just weeks into the COVID pandemic. Equipment had not been regularly restocked in the years before the crisis began.

The new gowns are among

the many purchases the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response has made in recent years to restock the emergency coffers, assistant secretary Dawn O'Connell said. The administration wants to "make sure the country would never be caught in the same position they were in 2020, when the stockpile was opened on one of our worst days, one of our worst months, and people couldn't find what they needed in it," O'Connell said.

A range of U.S. companies were selected to manufacture the gowns, including a California lacrosse equipment maker and a New York embroidery studio.

In total, about 250 million gowns should be manufactured under the deal. It'll leave the stockpile with about a 90-day supply of the gowns should another emergency hit. The agency has also stockpiled 1.5 billion gloves and 1.1 billion masks.

The Strategic National Stockpile is supposed to keep a robust supply of medicines, vaccines, medical equipment and supplies at the ready for disasters and pandemics.

But that didn't happen in 2020, when COVID-19 started its spread in an outbreak that would ultimately kill more than 1.2 million people in the United States and millions more around



Workers carry boxes at a Strategic National Stockpile warehouse in Oklahoma City, Okla., April 7, 2020.

Associated Press

the globe. The early days of the pandemic were marked by images of doctors and nurses wrapping themselves in trash bags. People turned to cloth masks after medical masks became virtually impossible to find. Companies illegally gouged the price of some medical necessities, like gloves or masks. And many states were left to

purchase the products on their own, without help from the federal government. Some states even bought too much, leaving them with a glut of hastily purchased medical equipment, some of them cheaply made or expired. States, an Associated Press investigation found, have trashed millions of gloves, masks and gowns in recent months. □

Ohio girl concedes cutting off tanker that spilled chemical last year in Illinois, killing 5

By JOHN O'CONNOR
The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A federal report on a tanker-truck crash a year ago in central Illinois that spilled a toxic chemical and killed five people includes an interview with a 17-year-old Ohio girl who concedes that the truck was forced off the road when she passed it with the minivan she was driving. The tanker slowed and pulled to the right to allow the minivan to get back in the right-hand lane and avoid a head-on collision with oncoming traffic on the two-lane U.S. 40 in Teutopolis on Sept. 29, 2023, according to dash-cam video from the truck also released late Wednesday by the National Transportation Safety Board. "Oh, (expletive). Yeah. Oh, my goodness. Yep, totally my bad. Wow. Holy (expletive)," the girl said while watching the video from the ill-fated truck during an Oct. 4, 2023, Illinois State Police interview. The tanker truck was carrying caustic anhydrous ammonia when it jack-knifed and hit a utility trailer parked just off the highway. The trailer's hitch punctured the tank, spilling about half of the 7,500-gallon (28,390-liter) load about 8:40 p.m. just west of Teutopolis, a community about 110 miles (177 kilometers) northeast of St.



Emergency responders set up a staging area near Teutopolis High School, Sept. 30, 2023, in Teutopolis, Ill.

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Louis.

Five people died as a result, including three family members who were near the road when the incident occurred. About 500 people were evacuated for hours after the accident to spare them exposure to the hazardous plume from the chemical used by farmers to add nitrogen fertilizer to the soil and in large buildings as a refrigerant. The transportation board said its latest findings are merely a factual account and do not include analysis or conclusions, which are expected later. The Illinois State Police conducted its own investigation,

and spokeswoman Melaney Arnold said the department turned over its findings last month to Effingham County State's Attorney Aaron Jones. A message seeking comment from Jones was left at his office Thursday. The girl, whose name is redacted in the transcript of the state police interview because she was a minor at the time, said she was traveling with her mother and brother to visit her mother's boyfriend in the Illinois suburbs of St. Louis. An accident on Interstate 70 earlier that night diverted loads of traffic onto U.S. 40, and she said she passed three trucks on the road heading west into

Teutopolis.

The girl said her pass of the tanker began in a passing zone, although a no-passing sign appears in the video. She said once she began passing, she realized she needed to accelerate to clear oncoming traffic and estimated she was going 90 mph when she pulled back to the right, narrowly slipping by an oncoming vehicle. She told investigators her mother was upset by the close call, but she thought she had plenty of clearance. However, she declined the police interviewers' offer to show the dash-cam video again.

"No, you don't have to. It was totally my fault," the girl said. "I've honestly in the past had times when I just don't use good judgment in judging like distances and whether I have enough time for something." Attempting to give the minivan space to get over, the truck moved onto the shoulder, lost traction on gravel and then hit a drainage culvert, according to the truck driver, who survived. Continuing west, the girl said she soon saw emergency vehicles coming coming east but did not connect them with her passing the truck. She said that before the family's return trip to Ohio, when her mother was reading aloud news accounts of the crash, she had no idea it had happened. "Of course not," she told investigators. "I told you that like three times." When one of the investigators expressed disbelief that no one in the car noticed a truck turning over behind them, she doubled down. "Nobody said, 'Oh, the guy behind you drove off the road,' " the girl said. "That would've been a huge deal for everybody. We would've been like, 'Oh, (expletive), I just caused something really bad to happen,' and then like our whole night would've been figuring out" what to do. □



This booking photo provided by the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department in Evansville, Ind., shows David Schonabaum.

Associated Press

Indiana man sentenced for neglect after rat attack on his infant son

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — An Indiana man convicted of child neglect for a rat attack that left his 6-month-old son with disfiguring injuries has been sentenced to the maximum 16 years in prison. A judge sentenced David Schonabaum, 32, on Wednesday after the Evansville man was convicted by a jury in September on three felony counts of neglect of a dependent. Vanderburgh County Superior Court Judge Robert Pigman found no mitigating factors to reduce the

sentence, the Evansville Courier & Press reported. Prosecutor Diana Moers previously said her office would not hold back in pursuing the "highest possible sentence." The Associated Press left a telephone message and sent an email Thursday to Schonabaum's defense attorney seeking comment. Evansville police arrested Schonabaum and his wife, Angel Schonabaum, in September 2023 after David Schonabaum called 911 to report that his 6-month-old son had been severely

injured by rats inside their residence, according to a probable cause affidavit. The Indiana Department of Child Services had previously inquired about conditions in the home. Investigators said the infant suffered more than 50 rat bites and required treatment at an Indianapolis hospital. An Evansville police detective wrote in the affidavit that the four fingers and thumb on the child's right hand "were missing the flesh from the top of them, exposing fingertip bones."

After a jury convicted Schonabaum in September, Moers said paramedics and police had found "the infant was laying in his crib in a pool of blood and the bites were so bad on his body — including his face, mouth, and extremities — that they left bone showing on one hand and he is now permanently disfigured." Angel Schonabaum, 29, pleaded guilty to felony neglect charges in September, days before she was scheduled to stand trial. Her sentencing is set for Oct. 24. □

6 migrants shot dead near Guatemalan border when Mexican army troops open fire

By **MARK STEVENSON**

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican army troops opened fire on a truck carrying migrants from a half dozen countries, and six migrants from Egypt, Peru and El Salvador died in an event that President Claudia Sheinbaum described Thursday as “deplorable.”

Ten other migrants were wounded in the shooting. Sheinbaum did not say how many migrants from each country had been killed, and Mexico's foreign relations department was not immediately able to provide details.

Peru's Foreign Ministry confirmed one Peruvian was killed and demanded “an urgent investigation” into the killings. The two countries have had damaged relations since a 2022 diplomatic spat.

Sheinbaum said the two soldiers who opened fire on Tuesday, her first day in office, had been turned over to civilian prosecutors for questioning, but apparently had not yet been charged. It was the worst killing of migrants by authorities in Mexico since police in the northern state of Tamaulipas killed 17 migrants in 2021.



Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum gives a media briefing from the National Palace in Mexico City, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024, the morning after her inauguration.

Associated Press

She said the shootings were being investigated to see if any commanders might face punishment, and noted “a situation like this cannot be repeated.”

But she left out any mention of that later Thursday at massive at a Mexico City army base, where army and navy commanders pledged their loyalty to her in front of massed combat vehicles and hundreds of troops. “In our country, there is not a state of siege, there are no violations of

human rights,” Sheinbaum said, as she promised wage increases for soldiers and sailors.

The shootings Tuesday occurred near the town of Huixtla, in the southern state of Chiapas near the border with Guatemala, Mexico's Defense Department said Wednesday in a statement. The department said that soldiers claimed they heard shots as a convoy of three trucks approached the soldiers' position. In a somewhat confused account,

the department said the first vehicle in a three-truck convoy appeared to speed away from soldiers. Two soldiers fired on another of the trucks, which was also carrying migrants from Nepal, Cuba, India, Pakistan and at least one other country. Soldiers then approached the truck and found four of the migrants dead, and 12 wounded. Two of the wounded later died of their injuries.

Local prosecutors confirmed all the victims died

of gunshot wounds. The Defense Department did not say whether the migrants died as a result of army fire, and Sheinbaum refused to say whether any weapons were found in the migrants' truck.

There were 17 other migrants in the truck who were unharmed. The vehicle was carrying a total of 33 migrants. The area is a common route for smuggling migrants, who are often packed into crowded freight trucks. It has also been the scene of drug cartel turf battles, and the department said the trucks “were similar to those used by criminal groups in the region.” The two soldiers who opened fire were also relieved of duty pending investigations. In Mexico, any incident involving civilians is subject to civilian prosecution, but soldiers can also face court-martial for those offenses.

Irineo Mujica, a migrant rights activist who has frequently accompanied caravans of migrants in that area of Chiapas, said he doubted the migrants or their smugglers opened fire. “It is really impossible that these people would have been shooting at the army,” Mujica said. □

An American bomb from WWII explodes at a Japanese airport, leaving a crater on the taxiway

By **MARI YAMAGUCHI**

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — An unexploded U.S. bomb from World War II that had been buried at a Japanese airport exploded Wednesday, causing a large crater in a taxiway and the cancellation of more than 80 flights, Japanese officials said.

No one was hurt, and there were no aircraft nearby when the bomb exploded at Miyazaki Airport in southwestern Japan, Land and Transport Ministry officials said. An investigation by the Self-Defense Forces and police confirmed the explosion was caused by a 500-pound U.S. bomb and there was no further danger. Officials were determining what caused its sudden detonation.

A video recorded by a nearby aviation school showed the blast spewing pieces of asphalt into the air like a fountain. Videos broadcast on Japanese television showed

a crater in the taxiway reportedly about 7 meters (yards) in diameter and 1 meter (3 feet) deep.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi said more than 80 flights had been canceled at the airport as of midafternoon Wednesday.

The airport said the taxiway damage was repaired overnight and flights resumed Thursday morning.

Miyazaki Airport was built in 1943 as a former Imperial Japanese Navy flight training field from which some pilots took off on suicide attack missions.

A number of unexploded bombs dropped by the U.S. military during World War II have been unearthed in the area, Defense Ministry officials said.

Hundreds of tons of unexploded bombs from the war remain buried around Japan and are sometimes dug up at construction sites. □



This photo taken from a Kyodo News helicopter shows part of a damaged taxiway at Miyazaki Airport in southwestern Japan, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024, after an explosion was reported.

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At least 78 people died when a boat with 278 on board capsized in eastern Congo, official says

By RUTH ALONGA, JEAN-YVES KAMALE and MONIKA PRONCZUK

Associated Press

GOMA, Congo (AP) — At least 78 people died when an overcrowded boat capsized on Lake Kivu in eastern Congo on Thursday, a local governor said. A frantic search and rescue operation was underway hours later as many remained unaccounted for from the vessel, believed to have had 278 people on board.

Jean-Jacques Purusi, the governor of the South Kivu province, said the death toll was provisional and that the number of fatalities could rise further. He said that according to the information that local authorities had, there were 278 people on board.

The boat set off from the port of Minova, in South Kivu province, earlier in the day and was en route to Goma, in North Kivu province, Purusi said, speaking over the phone.

"We do not yet have (the full picture of) the whole situation but we will have it by tomorrow," he told The Associated Press.

The boat sank while trying to dock just meters (yards) away from the port of Kituku,



People gather at the port of Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, after a ferry carrying hundreds capsized on arrival Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024.

Associated Press

ku, according to witnesses who said they saw rescue services recover at least 50 bodies from the water.

It was the latest deadly boat accident in the central African country, where overcrowding on vessels is often to blame. Maritime regulations also are often not followed.

Congolese officials have often warned against overloading and vowed to punish those violating safety measures for water trans-

portation. But in remote areas where most passengers come from, many are unable to afford public transport for the few available roads.

"We will establish responsibilities and put in place a sanctions regime but also recommendations to improve navigation on the lake," Purusi told the AP.

He added that a lack of adequate equipment there were no life jackets on the vessel likely con-

tributed to the tragedy, as did the overcrowding and negligence. Also, there had been a strong storm in the morning in the area of the lake, he added.

In June, an overloaded boat sank near the capital of Kinshasa and 80 passengers lost their lives. In January, 22 people died on Lake Maï-Ndombe and in April 2023, six were killed and 64 went missing on Lake Kivu. Witnesses of the Thursday tragedy said the boat was

visibly overcrowded.

"I was at the port of Kituku when I saw the boat arriving from Minova, full of passengers," Francine Munyi told the AP. "It started to lose its balance and sank into the lake. Some people threw themselves into the water."

"Many died, and few were saved," she added. "I couldn't help them because I don't know how to swim."

The victims' families and Goma residents gathered at the port of Kituku, accusing authorities of negligence in the face of growing insecurity in the region. Since the fighting between the armed forces and the M23 rebels made the road between the cities of Goma and Minova impassable, forcing the closure of the passage to trucks transporting food, many traders have resorted to maritime transport on Lake Kivu. It's an alternative considered safer than road traffic, which is threatened by insecurity.

But according to Elia Asumani, a shipping agent who works on this line, the situation has become dangerous:

"We are afraid," he told the AP. □

Dominican Republic will deport up to 10,000 Haitians a week, citing an 'excess' of immigrants



Undocumented Haitians detained by immigration officials stand inside a police vehicle, in Dajabon, Dominican Republic, May 17, 2024.

Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — The Dominican Republic announced Wednesday that it would start massive deportations of Haitians living illegally in the country, expelling up to 10,000 of them a week.

Government spokesman Homero Figueroa told reporters that the government took the decision after noticing an "excess" of Haitian migrants in the Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti.

Figueroa said officials have seen an increase in Haitian migrants as a U.N.-backed mission in Haiti to fight gang violence flounders. He said authorities also agreed to strengthen border surveillance and control, but he did not provide details. Last year, the Dominican Republic deported more than 174,000 people it says are Haitians, and in the first half of the year, it has expelled at least 67,000 more.

Activists have long criticized the administration of President Luis Abinader for what they say are ongoing human rights violations of Haitians and those of Haitian descent born in the Dominican Republic. Abinader has denied any mistreatment.

Wednesday's announcement comes a week after Abinader announced at the U.N. General Assembly that he would take "drastic measures" if the mission in Haiti fails. It is led by nearly 400 police officers from Kenya, backed by nearly two dozen police and soldiers from Jamaica and two senior military officers from Belize. The U.S. has warned that the mission lacks personnel and funding as it pushes for a U.N. peacekeeping mission instead.

Gangs in Haiti control 80% of the Port-au-Prince capital, and the violence has left nearly 700,000 Haitians homeless in recent years, while thousands of others have fled the country. □

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Aruban snacks and where to find them



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One of the staples of Aruban cuisine and snacks is the Pastechi. Pastechi is a Caribbean fried pastry that is filled with cheese, meat, chicken, veggies and sometimes even fish! Or perhaps you might want to try a croquette, locally called a "krokot," which is a crusty fried snack with typically a meat and dough mix filling. The Aruban krokot is based on its Dutch counterpart, the "bitterbal".

These two snacks are typically found in all local snack trucks, which can be found all over the island, including on the side of the main road that stretches from San Nicolas to the Hotel Area. You can also find pastechis and krokets at local bakeries and snack shops, like Bright Bakery in Piedra Plat, Huchada in Santa Cruz or Pastechi House in the city center. These places may also sell other snacks and sandwiches too, perfect for on-the-road lunch break.

While you're at it, why not accompany your snack with a refreshing "batido"? Batidos are fruit shakes, typically



made with added milk for some creaminess. However, you can also ask to hold the milk. Batidos are commonly found in snack shops too. You may find some batido shops next the flea markets downtown, or if you're on your way to San Nicolas, at Mauchi Smoothies and Juice Bar in Savaneta (located at the side of the main road).

If you are looking for something a bit more fresh and healthy, why not try some coconuts, or shaved ice from local vendors? These vendors carry their little shop at the back of their truck, so they are ever-moving around the island. However, there are a few spots where you can almost always find a coconut/shaved ice vendor:

1. Right next to the Red Anchor in San Nicolas, on the way to Baby Beach.
2. Along the main road next to the airport field.
3. At the California Light House.
4. At the Alto Vista Chapel.

These vendors may also sell other delights, like the beloved coconut-based dessert "cocada" or peanuts. All in all, in Aruba, you can always find some place to take a break and have a bite of something local, you maybe just might have to look for them!

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Ms. Iris Van Eyken from West Babylon New York, United States.

Mr. Jorgino Willems representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Costa Linda Beach Resort bestowed the certificate upon the honoree, presented

her with gifts, and thanked her for choosing Aruba as her favorite vacation destination, as her home away from home.

The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honoree was:

- Aruba's people.
- Aruba's out of the hurricane belt.
- Aruba's restaurants.
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The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing Emerald Ambassadors of Aruba. The honorees were re-

spectively honored with a certificate for their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honorary certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

The three levels of honor are as follows:

- Distinguished Visitor (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)
- Goodwill Ambassador (20>years consecutively visiting Aruba)
- Emerald Ambassador (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

The honorees were:

Emerald Ambassadors
Mr. Philip & Christine Stuart from Concord New Hampshire, United States.

Mr. Jorgino Willems representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and

staff members of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort bestowed the certificate upon the honorees, presented them with gifts, and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, as their home away from home.

The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honorees were:

- Aruba's people.
- Aruba's beaches especially eagle beach.
- Aruba's restaurants.
- "Warm Caribbean Sea"
- "Bucuti & Tara Beach resort staff"

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island".

Aruba's Nature is to be Cherished

ST. CRUZ — The national park Arikok comprises almost 18 % of the island. Its rugged terrain, desert-like hills filled with tall cacti, breathtaking coastline and protected local flora and fauna welcome you to be explored. There is numerous wildlife to discover like for example the sea turtle who lays his eggs on the park's beaches. There are more places on the island that are a preserved area like the Bubali Plas which is a bird sanctuary.

The national park Arikok takes you on a memorable journey of the islands past offering unique geological, cultural and historical sites. These can all be enjoyed and explored either on your own or during guided tours. A wide variety of educational and informative programs and fun activities is available.

Did you know that four of the in total seven species of sea turtle lay their eggs on Aruba's beaches? In the national park, a Least Tern (Sternula antillarum) keeps a strict eye on a very special event taking place below on the beach: a majestic Leatherback (Dermochelys coriacea) heads back to sea after laying her eggs, while another nest laid 2 months ago by

the same female hatches. A very rare occurrence of daytime nesting and hatching. Sea turtles prefer nesting in the cool and dark hours of the night. And hatchlings usually wait for the cue of cooling surface sand before emerging.

Bubali Magic

This beautiful close-up image of the pink bird is courtesy of Michiel Oversteegen of the Aruba Birdlife Conservation. This important foundation showcases and builds awareness of Aruba's birds and other native flora and fauna. You may have seen a 'pink cloud' lately at the Bubali or Spanish Lagoon Wetlands areas? It's most likely to be Roseate Spoonbills (Ajaia ajaja) or 'Chucharon Cora' as they are known in Papiamentu. This unusual looking bird forages in shallow muddy water while sweeping its flattened bill from side to side to catch small fish, crustaceans and other aquatic invertebrates. The Roseate Spoonbill remains an uncommon sight as they are vulnerable to degradation of feeding and nesting habitats (Wetlands). (Source: arikok national park)

The aforementioned is just a part of what



Aruba's nature has to offer. We cannot stress enough to go, see for yourself. The island has the most beautiful beaches but it is also worthwhile to go beyond this and get an idea of our entire island. Lately there is a discussion going on about the effect certain activities have on our nature, for example the ATV vehicles cause a lot of dust, noise and leave tire tracks. Animals live in these areas where the vehicles run, often with high speed and with detrimental consequences to flora and fauna. Motorized vehicles are forbidden to drive on the sand dunes in the Northern part of the island and all beaches in Aruba are forbidden for any motorized vehicle. Treasure our island to enjoy it like you do: as a tropical and natural paradise. We truly appreciate it!

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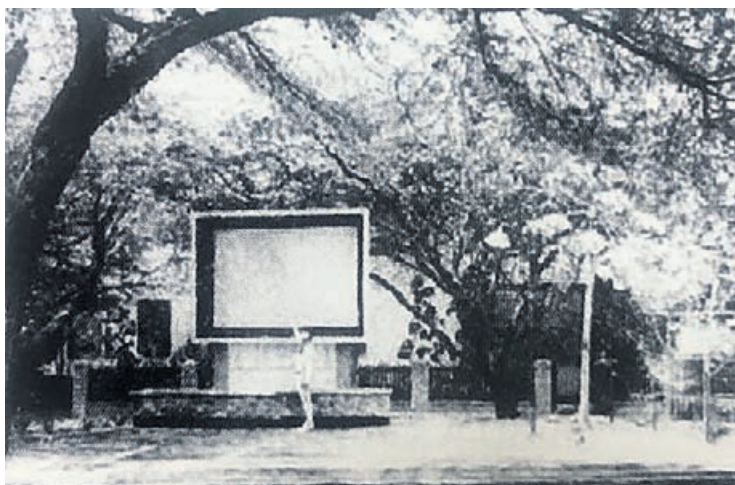
reader every day again. For today we received a lovely message from Chada Ippolito and my boyfriend is Juergen Schmidt from Robbinsville, NJ, USA.

They wrote to us saying: "Aruba to us is our home away from home and our paradise. We just enjoyed two wonderful weeks in Aruba from Sept 1-15. We come every year and considering part time retirement in Aruba. We've been together for 8 years."



Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing

what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □



(Oranjestad)—During the span of over 100 years, Aruba only saw five open air movie theatres. Now practically obsolete on the island, these theaters were once frequently visited by locals and migrants in the 20th century.

The first open air theater was constructed in 1920 and was commissioned by Shon Eduard (Eddy) de Veer. This theater was located at the Hotel Colombia in Oranjestad, which is now where the Aruban census office is located. The theater was simple; it only consisted of a screen, and visitors had to bring their own

chairs to enjoy the popular silent movies of the time.

American migrants who



Forgotten gems Open air movie theaters

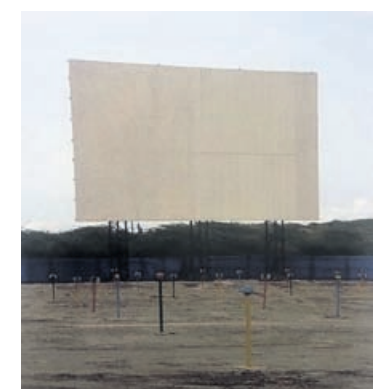
worked in the refinery and lived in the Lago Colony in Sero Colorado also had their piece of the pie with their Open air Theatre, which formed part of the Esso Club, also known as the Pan-Am Club. It was at this theater that "Talkies" were first streamed, movies with sound. This theater mostly streamed American blockbusters for the American expats, this way making sure

that these migrant were not missing out on entertainment from their home land.

In the 1950's and 60's, Savaneta saw their own open air theater, located in front of the Marinier's Kazerne (Marine Barracks). This theater was mostly visited by the neighboring marines, who didn't have much entertainment other than movies at that time.

The last and most recent open air theater was constructed in the form of a drive-in theater. A popular American concept, the Drive Inn located in Balashi was a hot spot for teenagers, who had the habit of cramming all their friends in one car to go see the movies. For this phenomenon there was a separate price that you had to pay called the "car crash".

This theater closed around



2012, but was re-opened during the pandemic in July 2020, where movies were streamed on a gigantic screen set up in front of stacked containers. However, this nostalgic form of entertainment did not last very long as it was closed again only a year or two later. Nowadays you can still see the stacked containers when you drive near the bridge in Balashi. □

Source: "De kolibrie op de rots en meer over de geschiedenis van Aruba" by Evert Bongers.



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A quick snack for the road: Learn how to make the Aruban Pastechi!

(Oranjestad)—If you ever been to Aruba before, you probably heard of (and even tried) the Aruban Pastechi. Beloved by young and old, this tasty treat is a staple for party snacks, a quick lunch or even breakfast!

Here's how to make the Pastechi dough.

Ingredients:

4 cups of wheat flour
1 tbsp baking powder (if using self-rising flour, omit baking powder)
1 tsp salt
1 tbsp sugar
0.5 cup of melted butter
1 cup water
1 egg

Directions:

Sift your flour into a bowl and add all the dry ingredients before giving it a quick mix. Next add the butter, water and egg and mix until thoroughly combined. At this point, your dough will start to get sticky; time for an arm workout. Knead your dough into the bowl you are using or on a clean surface with some flour lightly dusted until its surface is smooth. You'll know your dough is ready when it doesn't stick to your hands or the surface on which you're kneading it. Let your dough rest covered for 15-20 minutes.

After resting, divide your dough into approximately 100 gram balls and roll it flat with a rolling pin. The

thickness of the pastechi depends on your taste, but the average thinness would be around 1/4 inch or so.

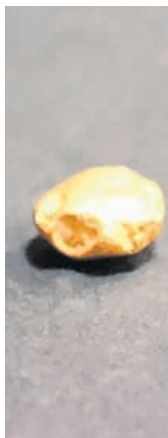
Filling for the pastechis varies according to your taste. The easiest and most common filling you'll find in Aruba is a simple cheese filling. For this, we usually use shredded Gouda, but feel free to use any cheese that melts well when frying the pastry.

Place the filling on your rolled out piece of dough, fold it in half and pinch the sides shut with a fork. If you have a folding tool, feel free to use it for this process. Your pastechi is ready for the fryer!

If you want to store some pastechis for later use, you can freeze them. A good tip is to place a piece of wax paper in between each pastechi if you are to store them on top of one another. This way the pastechis don't stick to each other when defrosting.

Here in Aruba we enjoy pastechi at any time of the day, but it has become almost tradition to eat pastechis for breakfast on the way to work. Many roadside snack trucks sell pastechi from early morning to noon, and offer a variety of fillings like cheese; ham and cheese; ground beef and pulled chicken to name a few. ☐

In celebration of 200 years of the Aruban gold rush: Get to know the history of the gold industry on Aruba



(Oranjestad)—This year we celebrate a few milestone anniversaries on Aruba, one of them being the 200th anniversary of when gold was first discovered on the island. We have talked about the Bushiribana Gold Mill Ruin before and its brief history during the gold industry on Aruba, but get to know a little more about the history of the “Aruban Gold Rush.”

The first hint of gold on Aruba actually dates back to 1725, when rumors about gold being found in dug up treasure chests of the Spanish colonial era prompted the first official exploration for gold on the island, commissioned by the Dutch West India Company. Under the leadership of Mr. Paulus Printz, a three-year search was conducted on Aruba, to no avail. Though they found some specks of gold, it was not enough to motivate a further search, and the assignment was discontinued by Printz himself. It wasn't until 100 years later, in 1824, when a young farmer boy named Willem Rasmijn found a lump of gold while out herding his father's sheep in the area of Rooi Fluit on the north coast. His father took it to a local merchant who then sold the lump for \$70. Unbeknownst to the boy and his father, they quite literally struck gold, and as word got out, a gold fever spread among the locals who started searching for more gold.

When the colonial governor in Curacao, Governor Cantz'laar, heard about the news, he sent his adjutant, Capitan van Raders, to start harvesting gold. This was in July 1824. In August of that same year, the governor followed suit to the island, accompanied by high-ranking military officials. When citizens started swarming the area in search for gold, The Netherlands sent more troops to safe guard the gold.

Prominent places where gold was found was in Daimari, Wacobana, Arikok, Rooi Fluit, Hadicouradi and later West punt, where gold ore was found. Because of a lack in advanced technology and materials to harvest the gold, the process took a more primitive approach: Clay rocks containing traces of gold were left to dry in the sun. Then, workers would start chipping the clay away on a large canvas to catch the gold particles that were left behind after the wind blew away the dust from the clay.

In the harvest period of 1824-1825, there was a total of 71,000 kilos collected through commissioned harvesting. Locals themselves reportedly found about 25 pounds worth of gold in the nearby rivers. The following years after that first big harvest, commission work fell off, and in 1828, the director of the goldmines, Johan Gravenhorst, decided to halt harvesting.

Almost 40 years later, the London-based Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd. was granted concession. The firm built their gold mines on Bushiribana, and in the port of Oranjestad a long road that connected the gold mill to the port. The ores themselves came from Sero Plat en Sero Cristal.

By this point, workers were still using primitive methods to harvest the ores. For example, when someone had to go into the mines, there were no stairs or lifts; the person had to be brought down in a big bucket, with two or more workers holding the bucket by a thick rope above ground. Aruba Island Gold Mining Company Ltd. reportedly operated until 1899, and right after the Aruba Gold Concession Ltd. was established, coincidentally also based in London. This time, the gold mill in Balashi was built, and more mines were dug up all around the island. The gold ores that were found were transported via track engine, locally called the “trekinchi”. Despite being more equipped for the job, the Aruba Gold Concession Ltd. could not produce any real profit, and so the concession was terminated just eight years later, in 1908.

A local firm, the “Aruba Goud Maatschappij” (Aruba Gold Company) took over the concession, along with all the materials and equipment. In the beginning, the company saw good profit, and for a while, the island's economy depended primarily on the mining and harvesting of gold. But just like its predecessors, the streak of luck for the Aruba Gold Company came to an end when WWI broke out.

The main reason why production stopped this time was reportedly because of a lack in dynamite for extracting the ores from the mines, as well as a lack in raw materials like German cyanide for the refining process. By the time the war ended, the equipment that was left at Balashi were too old to use again. After the war, gold production on the Aruba was left to a standstill.

According to an issue in Aruba Esso News paper in 1953, Henny Eman wanted to start up digging again, this time using independent miners. He argued that there was proof of more gold to be discovered. Plus, hiring independent miners would boost the island's employment rate.

When it was proven that gold was in fact still present, the executive board on the island promised to fund the project only if the gold dug up proved to be valuable. However, nothing else was reported after this, so it could be concluded that there was no real profitable market on the island anymore.

The ruins of the Bushiribana and Balashi Gold Mills are still standing, and open for the public to visit. These structures offer a glance into the past, to a time where Aruba experienced one of its first wave of industrialization. Today, these structures are persevered as historical monuments. □

Source:

1. “De Kolibrie op de Rots (en meer over the geschiedenis van Aruba)” by Evert Bongers.
2. Aruba Esso News, 1953 issue.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 39 Contest form

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5 Dragon's home

9 Digging tool

10 Book of maps

12 "The Tempest" sprite

13 Character found in kids' books

14 Root vegetable

16 Life story, for short

17 Frozen desserts

18 Optimally

21 Homer's neighbor

22 Exhalation

23 "What a pity"

24 Poultry purchases

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29 Seasoned sausage

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1 Evergreen tree

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3 Perfect places

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5 Judge's concern

6 One day — time

7 "Yeah, right!"

8 Root vegetable

9 Glossy fabric

11 Chimney

15 Root vegetable

19 Pekoe and oolong

20 Naughty

22 Period of growth

23 Relaxing resort

24 Root vegetable

25 Acid's opposite

26 Ribbing

27 Changes

28 "Toy Story" character

29 Hangs low

30 Gem

33 Ready for business

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3-11

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

3-11 CRYPTOQUOTE

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— MARK TWAIN

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SUN	13	FREEWINDS - DEPT.	****	22.15	E	-

Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

Electrical power



Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of out-

Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

Supermarket hours



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

Safety



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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World ski body and U.N. weather agency team up to help winter sports plan for climate change



Switzerland's Gino Caviezel competes during an alpine ski, men's World Cup giant slalom, in Adelboden, Switzerland, Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018.

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — Facing a long-time crisis in winter sports because of climate change, the International Ski and Snowboard Federation teamed up with the United Nations weather agency on Thursday.

The initial five-year partnership between FIS and the World Meteorological Organization aims to help national ski federations, venues and race organizers better understand weather forecasting to manage natural and artificial snow. An online meeting is set for Nov. 7.

The Switzerland-based organizations said in a joint statement "winter sports and tourism face a bleak future because of climate change" and warmer temperatures.

FIS said weather issues forced the cancellation of 26 of its 616 World Cups last season across disciplines including Alpine and cross-country skiing, snowboard park and pipe, freestyle skiing and ski jumping.

"Ruined winter vacations and canceled sports fixtures are literally the tip of the iceberg of climate change," WMO Secretary-General Celeste Saulo said in a statement.

Event organizers have long relied on using local water

resources to make artificial snow for preparing courses and it is common to see broadcasts of races on a ribbon of white through brown and green forests and fields.

"The climate crisis is obviously far bigger than FIS, or sports, for that matter," its president Johan Eliasch said. "It is a genuine cross-roads for mankind."

"It is true, though, that climate change is, simply put, an existential threat to skiing and snowboarding."

As global temperatures rise, the International Olympic Committee has said

by 2040 just 10 countries could have a "climate-reliable" outlook to host snow events at a Winter Games. The 2022 Beijing Winter Games relied entirely on artificial snow to stage Alpine races about 90 kilometers (55 miles) north of the city in mountains that get almost no natural snowfall.

Saudi Arabia is creating a ski resort with a man-made lake near the futuristic city Project Neom and preparing to host the 2029 Asian Winter Games.

In Switzerland, the federal weather office has said

Alpine glaciers have lost about 60% of their volume since 1850.

"The thawing of frozen ground in mountain, arctic and sub-arctic regions has direct consequences on the stability of infrastructures built on it, as well as contributing to increasing the amount of carbon in the atmosphere," the WMO said.

Less snow is falling at lower altitudes up to 800 meters (2,600 feet), with the number of snowfall days halved since 1970, the Geneva-based UN agency said. □

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Q&A: Mariah Carey wasn't always sure about making a Christmas album

By **KRYSTA FAURIA**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mariah Carey relishes the fact that she has become culturally synonymous with Christmas — thanks in part to the longevity of her iconic song “All I Want for Christmas Is You,” and its ubiquity every year when the holidays roll around. But the Grammy winner admits she initially wasn't sure about doing a Christmas record when her label pitched it.

“I was a little bit apprehensive,” she recalls, reflecting on her album, “Merry Christmas,” turning 30 this month. Ahead of her appearance at Sunday's American Music Awards and an upcoming Christmas tour that kicks off in November, Carey spoke with The Associated Press about the advice she would give to young artists navigating fame and the use of her song, “Always Be My Baby,” in Ari Aster's 2023 horror comedy, “Beau Is Afraid.”

The interview has been edited for clarity and brevity.

AP: What has it been like to celebrate nearly 20 years of “The Emancipation of Mimi” and reflect on this album's legacy?

CAREY: I think “The Emancipation of Mimi” is one of my albums where there were different boundaries that got



Mariah Carey performs at the New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square, Dec. 31, 2017, in New York.

pushed aside and I was really happy about that because I needed to come back, apparently. And so, it was a comeback. But it's one of my favorite albums. And celebrating it this year and this celebration of “Mimi” was really fun because I never get to do those songs. I never do them.

And this this time I did.

AP: Because of that kind of underdog feeling, you felt

some artistic liberty and empowerment that maybe you hadn't before?

CAREY: Yeah, I feel like people were ready to re-embrace me. And, you know, how did I feel about that? I mean, I feel like the album “Charmbracelet” was a very good album too, but not everybody knew that album. So, you know, when “We Belong Together” came out after “It's Like That,” which

didn't do as well but still did pretty well. Whatever.

AP: “It's Like That” is a great song.

CAREY: It's a good song. And I love performing it. You know, I go through stages with these albums. It's interesting.

AP: Your first Christmas album, “Merry Christmas,” is turning 30 this month. That was obviously a formative record for you and your career. Do you remember anything about its

inception?

CAREY: So that was the record company saying, “You should do a Christmas album.” And I was like, “I don't know that I should at this juncture.” Because, you know, I was very young and was just starting out and I felt like people do Christmas albums later in their lives. But now people have started to do them whenever, like right at the top of their career. So, I mean, what was I feeling like? I was a little bit apprehensive and then I was like, “I love this.” And I decorated the studio and just had the best time.

AP: Chappell Roan has made headlines for speaking out about how she is grappling with sudden fame. As someone who has been in the public eye for so long, do you have advice for young artists who are dealing with this?

CAREY: Well, I have been through my share of dramas and it's not fun because you grow up thinking, “I want to be famous.” I mean, really with me, it was always, “I want to be a singer. I want to write songs.” But “I want to be famous” was right there with it. I feel like it was probably because I didn't feel like I was good enough on my own because of the things I went through growing up. □

Daniel Day-Lewis ends acting retirement for a movie directed by his son

By **JAKE COYLE**

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Daniel

Day-Lewis is coming out of retirement, seven years after his last movie, for a film

directed by his son Ronan Day-Lewis.

The project was announced Tuesday by Focus Features and Plan B, who are partnering on “Anemone.” The film, Ronan Day-Lewis' directorial debut, will star his father along with Sean Bean and Samantha Morton. The film was co-written by the two Day-Lewises.

Earlier Tuesday, Daniel Day-Lewis and Bean were spotted driving a motorbike through Manchester, England, stoking intrigue about his impending return to acting. After making Paul Thomas Anderson's 2017 film “Phantom Thread,” the 67-year-old had said he was quitting acting.

“All my life, I've mouthed off about how I should stop acting, and I don't know why it was different this time, but the impulse to quit took root in me, and that became a compulsion,” he told W Magazine in 2017. “It was something I had to do.”

Since then, his appearances in public have been infrequent. In January, though, he made a surprise appearance at the National Board of Review Awards to present an award to Martin Scorsese, who directed him in “Gangs of New York” (2002) and “The Age of Innocence” (1993). “Anemone,” currently in production, is described as exploring “the intricate

relationships between fathers, sons and brothers, and the dynamics of familial bonds.”

Ronan Day-Lewis, 26, is a painter who has previously exhibited his works in New York. His first international solo exhibition debuts Tuesday in Hong Kong.

“We could not be more excited to partner with a brilliant visual artist in Ronan Day-Lewis on his first feature film alongside Daniel Day-Lewis as his creative collaborator,” said Peter Kujawski, chair of Focus Features. “They have written a truly exceptional script, and we look forward to bringing their shared vision to audiences alongside the team at Plan B.” □



Writer-director Rebecca Miller, right, and husband Daniel Day-Lewis attend a special screening of “She Came to Me” at Metrograph, Oct. 3, 2023, in New York.

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The Devils meet the Sabres in the Czech capital to open the NHL regular season

By KAREL JANICEK

Associated Press

PRAGUE (AP) — Ondrej Palat has won the Stanley Cup twice. He's won a gold medal with the Czech Republic at the world championships.

This week, the forward will check another item on his bucket list when his New Jersey Devils and the Buffalo Sabres open the NHL regular season with two games in Prague.

"I have been fortunate enough to realize many of my dreams in hockey," Palat said. "But to play an NHL hockey game in my beloved Czechia is something I've never imagined."

The NHL global series games on Friday and Saturday will bring the number of regular season games hosted by Prague to nine. Stockholm, Sweden, is the only location outside North America that has had more.

Two more international games will be played in Tampere, Finland, on Nov. 1-2 when defending Stanley Cup champion Florida face the Dallas Stars.

Palat said traveling together for overseas games can



New Jersey Devils' Ondrej Palat speeds up during a practice session, a day before their NHL hockey game against Buffalo Sabres, in Prague, Czech Republic, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024.

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be a good team-building experience. Five years ago, he was part of the Tampa Bay Lightning who swept a two-game series against the Sabres in Stockholm. The team went on to win the Stanley Cup in 2020 and again the following year.

"With Tampa, the trip to Stockholm was great for

us," Palat said. "We had some fun and it translated on the ice and we played great.

We need to do (something) a little bit similar. We're going to have some fun but also it's a business trip and we need to start good the season."

Hockey-crazed Sweden, Finland and the Czech Re-

public have been the go-to destinations for NHL regular season games overseas in recent years. Together with Russia, those countries account for the bulk of the European players in the league.

NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly said in August that the league wants to expand to other markets and

mentioned Germany, Switzerland and Britain as possibilities. London had two regular season games in 2007 and Berlin one in 2011. Switzerland has never hosted a regular-season game. The Devils have previously played in Europe; in 2018 they beat the Edmonton Oilers 5-2 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

The Sabres have played four. Before the losses to Tampa in 2019, they won twice in 2011 against the Anaheim Ducks 4-1 in Helsinki and the Los Angeles Kings 4-2 in Berlin. They played an exhibition game in Munich last week.

Czech NHL players are hugely popular at home and the presence of Palat and Sabres rookie forward Jiri Kulich ensures that Prague's O2 Arena will be packed this weekend. Palat was on the Czech team that beat Switzerland to win the worlds in the same arena in May.

The Devils signed Palat, who has 101 career post-season points, to a five-year, \$30 million contract in 2022, eager to tap his play-offs experience. □

Gauff rallies against qualifier to reach China Open semis against Badosa

BEIJING (AP) — Sixth-ranked Coco Gauff again made a slow start and had to rally to beat Ukrainian qualifier Yuliia Starodubtseva 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 to make the China Open semifinals on Thursday for a second straight year.

Gauff will next play Paula Badosa of Spain, who ended local wild card Zhang Shuai's unexpected run at the title.

The No. 115-ranked Yuliia Starodubtseva who will crack the top 100 for the first time on Monday had not lost a set in her three matches this week and quickly took the lead, making 10 winners and holding Gauff to zero in an error-strewn first set for the American.

Gauff also lost the first set against Naomi Osaka in the previous round before Osaka retired because of a lower back injury.

Starodubtseva last month became the first woman in the Open era to qualify for all four Grand Slam tournaments in the same year, and former U.S. Open champion Gauff found a response against her.

Gauff saved two break points in her opening service game of the second set. A service break propelled her ahead 3-1. After another narrow escape on her next service game, Gauff lost only three more games for the rest of the quarterfinal.

"I can't control how I play or how she plays, but I can

just try to control my mind-set and commit to the process," Gauff said.

Zhang's drought-busting week came to a shuddering halt as Badosa continued her own resurgence in a 6-1, 7-6 (4) victory in their quarterfinal.

The Spaniard has won 28 of her last 35 matches dating to May and made the semifinals of three of her past five tournaments. There was also a run to the U.S. Open quarterfinals last month.

But the story of the week has been the 35-year-old Zhang, who entered the China Open on a 24-match losing streak the second longest in the Open era — and ranked No. 595. She didn't drop a set in four pre-

vious matches this week.

The Chinese wild card had no answer, though, to Badosa's fast start as the Spaniard made three ser-

vice breaks to comfortably claim the opening set.

It was much closer in the second set as Badosa found herself down 3-1. □



Coco Gauff of the United States returns a shot to Yuliia Starodubtseva of Ukraine during the women's singles quarterfinals match of the China Open tennis tournament, at the National Tennis Center in Beijing, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024.

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Indiana Fever star Caitlin Clark a near-unanimous choice as WNBA's Rookie of the Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Caitlin Clark has been named the WNBA Rookie of the Year in a near-unanimous vote, giving the Indiana Fever back-to-back winners after Aliyah Boston won the honor last season.

A national panel of sports-writers and sportscasters gave Clark 66 of 67 votes in balloting released Thursday. Chicago Sky forward Angel Reese received the other.

Clark, the No. 1 overall pick from Iowa, averaged 19.2 points and a league-best 8.4 assists per game while helping the WNBA set attendance records and garner mainstream attention. She struggled a bit early in the season, but found her groove and was an All-Star starter. The unanimous AP Rookie of the Year led the Fever to the playoffs for the first time since 2016 and a 20-20 record after a 1-8 start.

"I'm a tough grader. I feel like I had a solid year," Clark said after the Fever were eliminated in the first

round of the playoffs.

"For me, the fun part is like I feel like I'm just scratching the surface and I'm the

one that's nit picking every single thing I do. I know I want to help this franchise. I know there's a lot of room

for me to continue to improve so that's what excites me the most. I feel like I continue to get a lot better."

Clark was not chosen for the U.S. Olympic team a decision that disappointed her legions of fans but she showed in the weeks afterward that she might have been helpful. The Fever guard averaged 24.7 points and 9.3 assists in her first 10 games after the Olympic break and led Indiana to an 8-2 record.

Clark was named the Eastern Conference Player of the Month for August, was Player of the Week three times and Rookie of the Month four times. She recorded the first two triple-doubles by a rookie in WNBA history, set a league single-game record with 19 assists and became the first rookie to have at least 30 points and 10 assists in a game. □



Indiana Fever guard Caitlin Clark (22) reacts during a first-round WNBA basketball playoff game against the Connecticut Sun, Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024, in Uncasville, Conn.

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